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Application Number	08/780,507
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Art Unit	1713
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Serial No.: 08/780,507 ) Group Art Unit 1713  
Filed: January 08, 1997 ) Examiner: F. Zitomer  
TITLE: TRANSLUCENT THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMERS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Following the Decision on Appeal mailed March 28, 2003 please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 17-19.

Add new claims 20-24.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.